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WITHERNSEA URBAN DISTRICT



A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1971

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WITHERNSEA URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR 1971

Divisional Health Office,
Manor Road, Beverley.
July, 1972.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my annual report for 1971.

The Registrar General's figure for the year 1971 indicates a mid-year population of 5,930 an increase of 120 compared with last year.

During the year there were 104 births and 93 deaths compared with 74 births and 64 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the district of 20.1 compares with the national birth rate of 16.0 per 1,000 population, and an adjusted death rate of 12.2 compares with a national death rate of 11.6 per 1,000 population.

The causes of death followed the usual pattern, ischaemic heart disease being the principal individual cause of death and malignant neoplasm of lung and bronchus being the major cause of death due to cancer. There was one death of an infant under one year of age.

The principal infectious disease notified during the year was whooping cough there being 24 cases. All were children under 10 years of age. Two cases of tuberculosis notified indicated that this is a disease with which we must still reckon.

Few changes occurred during the year in the sanitary circumstances of the district. Water continued to be provided by Hull Corporation and 18 samples taken by the Hull Corporation and 8 by your own Public Health Inspector for bacteriological examination all proved to be satisfactory.

Refuse and sewage disposal continued as in previous years.

On housing, it is pleasing to note that the number of houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts increased to 110 compared with 24 last year. Forty defective dwelling houses were rendered fit in consequence of informal action, 3 unfit houses were closed and one unfit house was demolished.

One hundred per cent inspection of meat killed in the district continued to be carried out during the year.

In presenting this report, may I express thanks to the staff of the department for their work and help during the year, and also to members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN

Medical Officer of Health



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STATISTICS

GENERAL

Area in acres	882
Population: 1971 Registrar General	5,930
Rateable value at 31st March, 1971	£175,260
Sum represented by a penny rate	£1,766

VITAL

Live Births:

Total live births	104
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	17.5
Comparability factor	1.15
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population	20.1
Illegitimate live births included in above total	12

Still Births:

Total still births	1
Illegitimate still births included in above total	-

Deaths:

Total deaths	93
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	15.7
Comparability factor	0.78
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population	12.2
Infant deaths (under 1 year of age).....	1
Infant mortality rate, i.e. infant deaths per 1,000 live births	10.0

Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 population
including service personnel living in the district

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
Live Births		
1971	16.0*	20.1
1970	16.0	14.6
1969	16.3	16.0
1968	16.9	16.6
1967	17.2	18.5
Deaths		
1971	11.6*	12.2
1970	11.7	8.6
1969	11.9	12.0
1968	11.9	12.5
1967	11.3	12.9

*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	2	7
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	2	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, larynx	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	1	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	1	3	4
Anaemias	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	8	15	23
Other forms of heart disease	-	2	2
Cerebrovascular disease	6	11	17
Other diseases of circulatory system	4	1	5
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	1	4
Peptic ulcer	1	1	2
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	2	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1
 TOTAL ALL CAUSES	 43	 50	 93

Age Distribution of Deaths

Age at Death	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Under 1 year	-	4	-	1	1
1 - 5 years	-	-	1	-	-
6 - 15 years	-	-	-	1	-
16 - 25 years	-	1	1	1	-
26 - 45 years	3	4	1	1	1
46 - 65 years	14	16	13	11	14
66 years and over	47	68	75	49	77
TOTALS	64	93	91	64	93

Infant Mortality Rate

Deaths under One year of Age - Rates per 1,000 births

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
1971	18.0*	10.0
1970	18.0	14.0
1969	18.0	0.0
1968	18.0	48.0
1967	18.3	0.0

Still Birth Rate

Rates per 1,000 Total Births

Year	England and Wales	Withernsea U.D.
1971	12.0*	10.0
1970	13.0	0.0
1969	13.0	0.0
1968	14.0	0.0
1967	14.8	11.0

*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

Disease	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	5	6	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Tyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	1	5	6	15	-	1	-	-	1	-	29

The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the past Five Years

Disease	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Scarlet Fever	-	-	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-	23	24
Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	35	-	59	2
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	2	1	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Tyrexia	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	6	-	2
Meningitis	-	1	2	1	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	13	7	1
Totals	2	37	27	91	29

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FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

Number of premises to which these Regulations apply	75
Number of retail shops	50
Number of catering establishments	25
Number of premises which were inspected	75
Total number of inspections	103

As a result of these inspections, 25 informal notices were served, and of these 20 were complied with.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This Act is designed to protect the Health, Safety and Welfare of persons employed in offices and shops. Several premises covered by the provisions of this Act also come under the scope of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, and in these cases combined inspections were made.

No. of premises newly registered during 1971	11
No. of registered premises	87
No. of visits to registered premises	85
No. of persons employed in registered premises	350

FACTORY ACT, 1961

The following factories are on the register -

Joiners	3
Letter Press and Printing	1
Garages and Motor Vehicle Repairs	3
Light General Engineering	1
Bakeries	3
Slaughterhouse	1
Pottery	1
TOTAL	<u>13</u>

MEAT INSPECTION AT THE LICENCED SLAUGHTERHOUSE

There is one licenced slaughterhouse in the Urban District, which is used for regular slaughtering on two evenings a week, and some casual slaughtering. The quality of the animals slaughtered is of a high standard. 100% inspection is being carried out.

Total number of inspections	91
No. of bullocks inspected	131
No. of sheep and lambs inspected	228

Weight of Meat and Offal Condemned

Bovine Meat and Offal	540 lbs
Sheep Meat and Offal	Nil

SLAUGHTERMEN'S LICENCES

No. of registered slaughtermen on 1/1/71	3
No. of new licences issued during the year	Nil

OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED

Some frozen food was condemned due to the refrigerator breaking down, and the food thawing out. This type of food must not be refrozen.

Another premise was infested with flour mite which necessitated the condemnation of quantities of flour and cereals.

FOOD POISONING

Three cases of food poisoning proved positive during 1971, the causative organism being Salmonella typhi-murium. One of those affected was a food handler, and she remained away from work voluntarily until 3 negative results were received.

RODENT CONTROL

A total of 102 inspections and re-inspections of dwelling houses, business and agricultural premises, and Council-owned property, were made during 1971, as follows:-

	Local Authority owned Property	Other Dwelling Houses	Other property including Business Premises	Agricultural Premises	TOTAL
Inspections and Re-inspections	25	56	19	2	102
General Surveys	9	3	6	-	18
Complaints of infestations by rats	15	49	14	2	80
Complaints of infestations by mice	10	7	5	-	22

REFUSE COLLECTION

There is a weekly collection of refuse from all private dwellinghouses, shops and business premises. A Shelvoke & Drewry 35 cu. yard Pakomatic refuse vehicle was purchased during 1971; this had previously been used as a demonstration vehicle. Two vehicles, Dennis Paxit 16/20 cu. yard and Eagle Crushload 50 cu. yard were also used to provide this service, which was operated with a complement of 7 workmen, including drivers.

Seven informal notices were served on the owners of premises, requesting them to provide proper galvanised, covered dustbins, and all were complied with.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

During 1971, household refuse was deposited at Burstwick, at the Holderness Rural District Council's tip. This site is approximately 20 miles return journey.

The total number of loads was 430, at £1 per load.

NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION

Night Soil is collected from two houses weekly; these houses are owned by the Council. The Night Soil is disposed of at the Sewage Works, Holmpton Road.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

This Act allows the Local Authority to serve notices on persons who abandon motor vehicles. The majority of the vehicles abandoned in Withernsea were left on Council owned land.

Seventeen abandoned vehicles were removed during 1971.

BLAW KNOX MECHANICAL SWEEPER

A Blaw Knox Mechanical Sweeper was purchased during the year, and this has improved the regularity of sweeping the streets, every street being swept at least twice a week. The staff formerly employed on street cleaning are now employed on other duties within the Public Health Department.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses erected during the year -

(1) by Withernsea Urban District Council	Nil
(2) by private developers	48

Inspections of Dwelling houses during the year

1 (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	110
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	261
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
3. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	48

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority ... 40

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

1. Proceedings under the Housing Act 1957

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil
- (b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice ... Nil
- (c) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders or Closing Orders were made ... 3
- (d) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... 1
- (e) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
- (f) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit ... Nil

Housing Act 1957 - Part IV (Overcrowding)

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... Nil
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... Nil
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... 1
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... 1
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 6

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Many houses had controlled tenants and this prevented the owners from increasing the rents and in many cases the owners could not afford to carry out essential repairs. Under Section 44 of the Housing Act 1969, owners could apply to the Local Authority for a Qualification Certificate to increase the rent.

To comply, the house has to be in good repair and have all the standard amenities. During 1971, 51 applications for Qualification Certificates were received, and of these only 2 complied immediately. The remainder required repairs carrying out and lists of repairs were served on the owners, stating the works required to bring the properties to a good state of repair. Forty qualification certificates were issued subsequent to works being carried out.

In this way, the owners are able to ask for a reasonable rent, and the tenants occupy accommodation of a better standard.

SWIMMING POOL

Internal dimensions - Length - 108 ft.
 Breadth - 40 ft.
 Deep end Depth - 6 ft.
 Shallow end Depth - 3 ft.

Volume of Water - 120,000 gallons (approx.)

Samples of water from the Swimming Pool and Paddling Pool were submitted for bacteriological examination regularly during the season.

Number of satisfactory samples - 63
 Number of unsatisfactory samples - 5

As a result of unsatisfactory samples in the paddling pool, the rate of circulation of water was increased.

PADDLING POOL

Before the season started, work was carried out to connect the paddling pool to the pump house, so that heated and filtered water could be circulated. The water flows from the pump house to the shallow end of the paddling pool, and from the deep end of the paddling pool to the deep end of the bath. This obviated the need to empty the paddling pool each day, and provided heated water for the use of the younger children.

Details of Income & Expenditure, Heating Costs, Opening Dates, & Attendances

	1961	1965	1969	1970	1971
Opening Date	May 1	May 8	May 10	May 16	May 8
Closing Date	Sep.24	Sep.19	Sept.21	Sep.20	Sep.26
Income	£1,414	£2,384	£3,521	£2,900	£3,122
Heating Costs (Electrical)	Nil	£950	£1,026	£1,042	£1,296
<u>ATTENDANCES</u>					
Adults	4,152	6,175	11,523	7,756	5,730
Children	24,746	23,407	32,357	29,552	28,118
Spectators	12,940	11,185	12,608	11,114	8,986
Schools	5,472	5,120	4,926	6,583	6,658
<u>PASSES</u>					
Adults	16	44	23	32	36
Children	196	409	233	211	278

WATER SAMPLES

Regular samples of tap water were taken from properties in all parts of the town. These samples were to ascertain the cleanliness of the water. A total of 8 samples were taken and all proved satisfactory.

ICE CREAM LICENCES

Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, states that all premises selling ice cream must be licenced. During 1971, 8 premises were licenced for the sale of ice cream.

